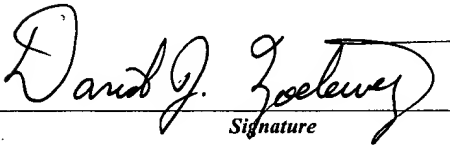
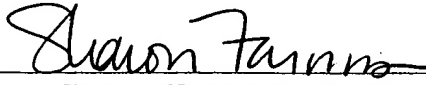
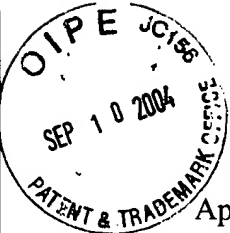


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## AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 10, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are not included herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are not included herein.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.